February 15th

The Holy Apostle Onesimos of the Seventy

Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

1) Those un-speak-a-ble words of Paul who, while e-ven yet on the earth, re-ve-red in the Par-a-dise of di-vine de-light, be-came for thee as the rush-ings of the riv-er that made thee glad as a liv-ing cit-y of the great God that was preached by him who pro-claimed His grace; and when thou be-come Paul's zeal-ous serv-ant, thou didst learn the things of Heav-en, which mor-tal men may not ever speak.
2) The self-mastery of the soul and the true freedom of the mind didst thou make to shine with no -
bility of faith; and being freed from the earthly yoke, O all wise Onesimos,
thou didst bow thy neck again; but this time, to the yoke of Christ. Hence, thou speddest forth to deliver from
servitude of spirit all the sons of men and bring them unto the freedom of grace divine.
3) The world’s teacher and shining sun flashed thee forth like a lightning bolt glittering with splendor and brightening the world with the clear light of thy preaching, O Apostle Onesimos; thou didst end the moonless night of deception with thy divine levin shafts of light, while enlightening the minds of all the faithful with the working of great wonders, O man most wise and all glorious.